(b) The funds received by NHAI from the CRF during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 are Rs. 1993.00 crore and Rs. 1848.00 crore respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

NHDP Phase-Ill

366. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under NHDP Phase-Ill Government are contemplating to devetep 10,000 Km. of NHs at an estimated cost of 50 thousands crores;

(b) if so, the basis for selecting the NHs under NHDP Phase-Ill;

(c) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad-Mumbai NH was not included under NHDP Phase-Ill; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not including the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stretches have been selected on the basis of traffic density providing connectivity to State capitals with the National Highways under National Highways Development Project Phase-I and II, providing connectivity to places of tourist and economic importance.

(c) and (d) On the Hyderabad-Mumbai section, the stretch between Mumbai to Pune is already 4-laned. Further, the Pune-Sholapur stretch is included under NHDP Phase-Ill.

NHDP Phase-ll

†367. SHRI SURENDRALATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of highways in terms of kilometers proposed to be constructed under NHDP Phase-ll;

(b) the total length of roads in terms of kms. constructed so far;

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(c) the length of roads in terms of kms. on which construction work has already begun alongwith the roads on which construction work is yet to begin;

(d) the time-limit fixed for completion of the said work; and

(e) the measures taken to complete the same at rapid pace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Total length of highways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Ptiase-ll6644km.

(b) So far widening to 4 lanes has been completed in a length of 111 km.

(c) Length of road under implementation is 5605 km. Contracts for a length of 928 km. are yet to be awarded.

(d) The target date of completion of NHDP Phase-ll is December, 2008.

(e) The steps taken to expedite the projects are giverv in Statement.

Statement

Steps taken to expedite the projects

The following steps have been taken to.ensure early completion of the project:—

(a) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultants, Project Directors, Senior Officers of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Progress reviews are also held at the level of Chairman, NHAI, Secretary, Department of Road Transport and Highways and Minister, Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

(b) State Governments have appointed senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation pf the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/environment clearances etc. These nodal officers hold periodic meetings to review the projects and take action to resolve the problems.

(c) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted under Cabinet Secretary to address inter-ministerial and Centre-State issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road Over Bridges (ROBs).

(d) The procedure of issue of Land Acquisition notifications has now been simplified.

(e) To expedite the construction of ROBs, an officer of the Railways has been posted to NHAI to coordinate with Ministry of Railways. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with M/s. IRCON for construction of some of the ROBs.

(f) Action has been taken against non-performing contractors and they are not allowed to bid for future projects unless they improve the performance in existing contracts.

(g) Steps have been taken to improve cash flow problems of contractors by granting interest bearing discretionary advance at the request of contractor, release of retention money against bank guarantee of equal amount, deferment of recovery of advances (on interest basis) and relaxation in minimum IPC amount.

Four/six laning of NHs under NHDP-III

†368. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of four/six laning of National Highways Nos. 19V-77 and 19V-85,28A, 30,31,57A, 77,80, and 84 has been approved under Phase-Ill of NHDP;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no initial action has been taken so far at ground level regarding construction of these various sanctioned roads of around 890 kms. length; and

(c) if so, comprehensive details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) 10 National Highway stretches totalling to 890 km. have been identified under National

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